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HOME DEMONSTRATION STUDY



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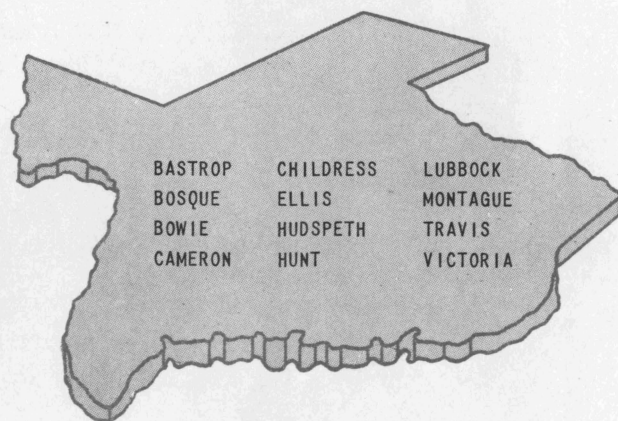


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This leaflet gives a composite picture of the home demonstration club member, some things she has learned from home demonstration programs and how she has assisted other homemakers. These facts are important in planning the future home demonstration program and they offer possibilities for effective ways of carrying it out.

A total of 1,173 home demonstration club women in 12 counties replied to a questionnaire sent them by their county home demonstration agents. Their answers were totaled and analyzed to give the following facts.

COUNTIES PARTICIPATING:



Where do you live?

Over half of the Texas home demonstration club members live on farms or ranches. A fourth live in the country, but not on farms or ranches. The other fourth live in towns or urban areas. About a third of the members receive their income from farming or ranching.

Do you work for pay?

Six percent have full-time jobs away from home and 10 percent have part-time jobs away from home. One fourth earn money regularly at home.

What is your age level?

Out of each 20 members, two are 20 to 29 years of age; nine are 30 to 49 years of age; and nine are 50 years or older.

What is the size of your family?

The average-size Texas family is 3.4 persons; that of home demonstration club members is 3.2 persons.

What is your educational level?

Over half of the members have completed 1 to 4 years of high school education. Fourteen percent of the members have completed 1 to 3 years of college training.

Are you a member of other organizations?

Seventeen percent of the members belong to no organization other than the home demonstration club. Forty percent have been members of such clubs less than 5 years. Twenty percent belong to four or more other organizations.

Are you teaching other homemakers?

Forty-four percent of the members personally teach

nonmembers ways of doing things that they learned in extension work. Twenty-five percent receive training for teaching their fellow club members from the county home demonstration agent. More than a third have served as subject-matter leaders and 16 percent have served as 4-H leaders.

What are your food habits?

Sixty percent of the members, 45 percent of their husbands and 72 percent of their children under 20 years of age drink less milk than is recommended for good nutrition. Sixty-two percent prepare the average dinner meal in less than 1 hour's time.

Do you sew?

Eighty-four percent of the members do some home sewing. Thirty-six percent recognize that they have trouble making commercial patterns fit.

What conveniences are in your home?

More than 99 percent of the home demonstration families have electricity and mechanical refrigerators. Almost 80 percent reported having television. Almost three out of four families have telephones. Only 79 percent have hot running water in the kitchen. More than two-thirds of the families have home freezers or rental locker space.

Do you need help on family financial management?

Forty percent of the families reporting would like suggestions on financial planning. Approximately one-third replied that they have made wills.

Are you remodeling your house?

More than a third of the members plan to remodel their homes.

How much time do you spend on yard work?

Sixty-three percent of the members spend 2 to 4 hours weekly on the care of home grounds.

Do you need help in recognizing the normal development and behavior of your children?

Fifty-eight percent of the 536 mothers who reported having children under 20 years of age listed 409 items about their children which puzzled them. Three-fourths of these items were related to personal and social growth.

Do you have children in 4-H Clubs?

Forty percent of the families with children of 4-H Club age have children in 4-H Clubs now.

Are you now serving as a 4-H Club leader?

Five percent of the members serve as 4-H Club leaders at the present time.

Have you been a 4-H Club member?

Twenty-three percent of the members are former 4-H Club members.

Do you have a physical examination at least once a year?

Slightly more than half of the members have annual physical examinations. Slightly more than a fourth follow all the recommendations of their physicians.

Do you plan your family's recreation?

About 7 percent of the homemakers reporting are under 30 years of age. Of this group, less than 10 percent have planned recreation as a family group. More than half of the members who reported some recreation planning as a family group live on farms.

How do you receive information?

Ninety-six percent of the members have radios. Seventy-nine percent have television sets and almost three-fourths have telephones. Eighty-two percent subscribe to a daily newspaper.



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County home demonstration councils, home demonstration club members and county home demonstration agents in 12 counties collected the facts for this study.

We salute them for their fine cooperation in making this outstanding contribution to the betterment of future home demonstration programs.